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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re the Application of

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**APPLICANTS' SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW**

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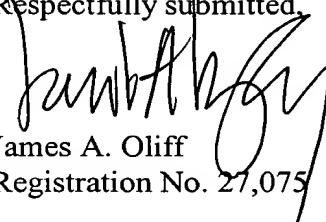
Sir:

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Choules in the December 16, 2005 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is provided in the following remarks.

During the personal interview, Applicant's representative argued that claims 1-3, 7 and 13-16, as set forth in the October 4, 2005 Amendment, patentably distinguish over the combinations of references cited in the April 6, 2005 Office Action. The Examiner agreed with the position taken by Applicant's representative, and indicated that the prior art rejections set forth in the April 6, 2005 Office Action would be withdrawn.

The Examiner identified a new item of prior art during the interview, U.S. Patent No. 6,676,014 to Catan ("Catan"), and indicated that he would likely issue a new Office Action in the next several days rejecting the pending claims over Catan. The Examiner further indicated that any new rejection over Catan could be overcome by perfecting Applicant's claim for priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2000/210848.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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